

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD  
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES

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Investigation of: \*  
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M/V COSCO BUSAN/BRIDGE ALLISION \*  
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA \* Docket No.: DCA-08-MM-004  
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VHF Calls

Wednesday,  
November 7, 2007

1                   (07:43 Cosco Busan traffic report and preparing to  
2 get UW.wav)

3                   CALLER 1: Yeah, Traffic, it's Henry Brusco.

4                   DISPATCHER: Henry Brusco, Traffic.

5                   CALLER 1: We're just getting underway at this time,  
6 light tug from Berth 10 out to just to Treasure Island -- me  
7 Anchorage where we left the Number 9 Barge, okay?

8                   DISPATCHER: Roger, Henry Brusco, light tug departing  
9 Oakland 10 for T.I. east mooring. Thank you. Traffic out.

10                  CALLER 2: Traffic, San Francisco.

11                  DISPATCHER: San Francisco, Traffic.

12                  CALLER 2: Ferry building back to Sausalito.

13                  DISPATCHER: Roger, San Francisco, departing ferry  
14 building for Sausalito, Mendocino passing Blossom Rock for the  
15 ferry building. Over.

16                  CALLER 3: Copy. Thank you, San Francisco.

17                  DISPATCHER: And, San Francisco, also Bay Breeze is  
18 bound to Anchorage 9, for the ferry building.

19                  CALLER 3: Copy. Thank you, San Francisco.

20                  DISPATCHER: Mendocino, Bay Breeze says copy, San  
21 Francisco.

22                  CALLER 4: Mendocino. Copy.

23                  CALLER 5: Traffic, Romeo.

24                  DISPATCHER: Yeah, Romeo, Traffic.

25                  CALLER 5: Do you have somebody coming in astern of

1 the Solana?

2 DISPATCHER: Yeah, Romeo. Traffic. Negative.

3 Solana is the only thing checked in and I don't see AIS for  
4 anyone astern of her. You're at 12 on the S.H. Bright, as  
5 being at Point Diablo, intending eastbound lane. Still  
6 determining whether he'll go to anchor or proceed on to  
7 (indiscernible).

8 CALLER 5: Okay, fine. I'll -- when the Solana gets  
9 by the Salola (ph.), we'll be getting underway. I can see the  
10 other side of the estuary, so -- and I'm on 7A now for tugs.

11 DISPATCHER: Roger, Seven Alpha for tugs. Thank you.  
12 Break. Solana, did you copy yet, Romeo?

13 CALLER 6: Solana copies.

14 DISPATCHER: Thank you. Traffic out.  
15 (indiscernible) Traffic.

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17 **(08:08 Cosco Busan UW.wav)**

18 CALLER 1: Traffic, Romeo. We're underway.

19 DISPATCHER: Roger. Yeah, Romeo. Roger. Yeah,  
20 Romeo, Cosco Busan departing Oakland 56 for sea, Delta Echo,  
21 deep water. And Unit 12 on the S.H. Bright is passing Clyde  
22 Park (ph.). They're going to divert and take Alpha Bravo span  
23 for Anchorage 8. The Yacht Awan (ph.) has just left the YBI  
24 (ph.) (indiscernible) across to San Francisco 9. Over.

25 CALLER 1: Somebody else was talking. You're going

1 -- he's going to Anchorage 9, you said?

2 DISPATCHER: Unit 12, S.H. Bright, passing Clyde  
3 Park, intending Alpha Bravo for Anchorage 8. And the Awan is  
4 just west of YBI, for San Francisco 9. Over.

5 CALLER 1: Yeah. What is that second boat?

6 DISPATCHER: The second boat is recreational boat,  
7 Awan. Actually, you can disregard. He'll be across before you  
8 get there.

9 CALLER 1: Okay, thanks.

10 DISPATCHER: Thank you. Break. Unit 12, did you  
11 copy yet? Romeo underway. Over.

12 CALLER 2: Twelve copies, Romeo.

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14 **(08:29 Sheppard verifying Cosco Busan intentions.wav)**

15 DISPATCHER: Yeah, Romeo, Traffic.

16 CALLER 1: Traffic, Romeo.

17 DISPATCHER: Roger. Captain, are you still  
18 proceeding out?

19 CALLER 1: (indiscernible).

20 DISPATCHER: Yeah, Romeo, Traffic. AIS says you're  
21 on a two-three-five heading. What are your intentions? Over.

22 CALLER 1: I'm coming around and steering two-eighty  
23 right now.

24 DISPATCHER: Roger. And you still intend the Delta  
25 Echo span? Over.

1 CALLER 1: Yeah, we're still Delta Echo.

2 DISPATCHER: Roger, Captain.

3 CALLER 2: Traffic, Robert G. Browley (ph.), Ferry  
4 Point.

5 DISPATCHER: Robert G. Browley, Ferry Point, for  
6 Southampton Shoal Light. Thank you. Call again when on  
7 station.

8 CALLER 2: Roger. Thank you, Traffic.

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10 **(08:31 Cosco Busan report of bridge allision.wav)**

11 CALLER 1: Traffic, Tug Solana.

12 DISPATCHER: Solana, Traffic.

13 CALLER 1: Traffic, Solana, checking out.

14 DISPATCHER: Thank you. Traffic out.

15 CALLER 1: Traffic, Solana.

16 DISPATCHER: Solana, Traffic.

17 CALLER 1: Traffic, Solana. The (indiscernible)  
18 General is extending into the turn basin.

19 CALLER 2: Traffic, we just touched the Delta span.  
20 I'm going to try and get our anchor to Anchorage 9 -- Anchorage  
21 7.

22 DISPATCHER: Roger. Yeah, Romeo at the Delta Echo  
23 span, diverting to Anchorage 7. Break. Ferry San Francisco,  
24 Ferry Intendalee (ph.), did you copy? Over.

25 CALLER 3: San Francisco copies.

1           CALLER 4: Traffic, Intendalee copies. Romeo  
2 diverting to Anchorage 7.

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4           **(08:52 Cosco Busan to Anchorage 7.wav)**

5           CALLER 1: Traffic, Romeo.

6           DISPATCHER: Yeah, Romeo, Traffic.

7           CALLER 1: We're going to drop the anchor here at  
8 Anchorage 7, and we're going to put five in the water, and I'll  
9 give you a call when we're stretched out.

10          DISPATCHER: Roger. Thank you.

11          CALLER 2: Traffic, Respect.

12          DISPATCHER: Respect, Traffic.

13          CALLER 2: Traffic, Respect. Good morning. We're  
14 preparing at Pier 33, bound for Alcatraz.

15          DISPATCHER: Respect, Traffic. Roger. Salenski  
16 (ph.) passing points, steering towards the ferry building.  
17 Over.

18          CALLER 2: Roger. Copy the Salenski. Respect out.

19          DISPATCHER: Thank you. Salenski, did you copy  
20 Respect? And also the Islander is southeast of Alcatraz, en  
21 route to Alcatraz.

22          CALLER 3: I copy the Islander. Where's Respect at?

23          DISPATCHER: Respect's departing 33, for Alcatraz.  
24 And the Mendocino's approaching (indiscernible).

25          CALLER 3: We copy that. Thanks, Traffic.

1           DISPATCHER: Thank you. Break. Mendocino, did you  
2 copy Salenski and the Respect? Over.

3           CALLER 4: Mendocino copies.

4           DISPATCHER: (indiscernible), Traffic.

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6           **(08:55 Encinal report of debris.wav)**

7           CALLER 1: Traffic, Encinal.

8           DISPATCHER: Traffic.

9           CALLER 1: Yeah, Traffic, Encinal. We've just gone  
10 through some kind of oil spill and a large amount of debris  
11 through Anchorage 8, south of the bridge. Over.

12           DISPATCHER: Roger. Copy. Thank you, Encinal.  
13 Traffic out.

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15           **(09:00 Securite call.wav)**

16           DISPATCHER: Mendocino, Traffic.

17           CALLER 1: Mendocino.

18           DISPATCHER: Roger, Captain. There's going to be a  
19 minimum wake and a wide berth for Unit Romeo, for the Cosco  
20 Busan, Anchorage 7. Over.

21           CALLER 1: Okay. Well, we're already passed him, so  
22 thanks.

23           DISPATCHER: Securite, Securite, Securite. Hello,  
24 all stations. This is the United States Coast Guard Vessel  
25 Traffic Service San Francisco. There is a minimum wake and a

1 wide berth in effect for Unit Romeo, aboard the (indiscernible)  
2 Ship Cosco Busan, currently anchored in Anchorage 7, west of  
3 Treasure Island. This is the United States Coast Guard Vessel  
4 Traffic Service San Francisco. Out.

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6 (09:01 Unit 37 aboard Cosco Busan.wav)

7 CALLER 1: Traffic, Three-Seven.

8 DISPATCHER: Traffic. Three-Seven, go ahead.

9 CALLER 1: I'm on the Cosco Busan here at Anchorage  
10 7. I'll be, I'll be aboard for the duration.

11 DISPATCHER: I understand Unit Romeo and Unit Three-  
12 Seven now on board the Cosco Busan. Is that correct? Over.

13 CALLER 1: That's a Roger.

14 DISPATCHER: Thank you. Traffic out. Intendalee,  
15 Traffic.

16 CALLER 2: Traffic, Intendalee.

17 DISPATCHER: Did you copy the minimum wake and wide  
18 berth for the Cosco Busan? Over.

19 CALLER 2: I copy that. Thank you.

20 DISPATCHER: Traffic out.

21 CALLER 3: Traffic, Unit 12.

22 DISPATCHER: Twelve, Traffic.

23 CALLER 3: All fetched up. Six on deck. ETD a.m.  
24 tomorrow, for Sacramento, pending visibility.

25 DISPATCHER: Thank you, Captain. Traffic out.



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